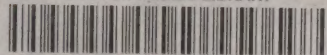


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MOUNT MONADNOCK, FROM JAFFREY CENTER, SHOWING THE FOREST RESERVATION, ALSO THE LAND ABOVE OWNED BY THE TOWN OF JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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ABOUT three years ago the forest on Mount Monadnock was threatened by the sale to lumbermen of the standing timber on 500 acres, high up on the eastern slope, including the finest extended areas of spruce anywhere in this vicinity.

¶ This tract is a conspicuous figure in the landscape, directly joining land owned by the Town of Jaffrey, which includes the summit of the mountain.

¶ The character and location of this tract, its existing beauty and prominence in the landscape, and the danger that fire and erosion, following the lumbermen's cutting, would convert it into a permanent and conspicuous blemish, made this appear to be one of the instances where the interests of the public are greater than those of the individual. Under these circumstances, the Monadnock Forestry Association was organized to preserve this and other natural attractions in the Monadnock country.

¶ The Association now reports the accomplishment of the prime object of its formation. The rights to the standing timber were purchased from the lumbermen and the cutting stopped, and an effort was also made to purchase the land at private sale, but without success.

¶ Recourse was therefore had to the New Hampshire State Forestry Commission, which, acting under the laws of the State, has condemned the land, and its value having been determined by the selectmen of the Town of Jaffrey, as provided by statute, and a portion of the necessary funds having been supplied by the Monadnock Forestry



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CONDITION IN WHICH LAND WAS LEFT IN MONADNOCK FOREST RESERVATION WHERE CUTTING WAS BEGUN

Association, and the balance borrowed by those most interested, the amount awarded has been paid to the owners.

¶ The timber rights have been transferred to the State by deed of gift. The entire tract of land with its forest covering has thus become the property of the State of New Hampshire, to be held as a perpetual forest reserve for the public benefit.

¶ The Monadnock Forestry Association has the right to lay out paths and otherwise improve the land; in fact has practically many of the rights of ownership, while *the public has for the first time the right to ascend the mountain without trespassing on private property.*

¶ Much interest has been shown in this enterprise as a practical demonstration of the importance and feasibility of preserving the forests in places of this nature.

¶ This preservation has been accomplished by the coöperation of public-spirited individuals, lovers of Monadnock, whose contributions have come from all parts of the country, and even from beyond its borders. Additional contributions are needed and may be sent to Isaac Sprague, Treasurer, care of N. W. Harris & Co., Bankers, Boston, Mass.

¶ Hearty appreciation is hereby expressed to all who have aided in this important and enduring work.

Respectfully,

MONADNOCK FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

